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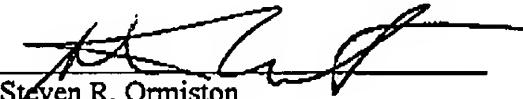
Sutapa Bhaduri et al.	)	Attorney
	)	Docket Number: IDRF113
Serial No: 10/052,291	)	Group Art Unit: 1775
Filed: January 18, 2002	)	Examiner: J. McNeil
For: Metal Part Having A Dense Core	)	
And Porous Periphery,	)	
Biocompatible Prosthesis And	)	
Microwave Sintering	)	

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 12, 2003

Response To Office Action  
Serial No. 10/052,291

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER Under Small Entity Status				Attorney Docket No: IDR113		
Application Serial Number: 10/052291	Filing Date: 1/18/2002	Examiner: J. McNeil		Art Unit: 1775		
Invention: METAL PART HAVING A DENSE CORE AND POROUS PERIPHERY, BIOCOMPATIBLE PROSTHESIS AND MICROWAVE SINTERING						
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b> Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.						
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	5	MINUS	26	0	\$9	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	16	0	\$43	\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of <u>12/12/2003</u> to and through <u>      </u> , comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of: <input type="checkbox"/> one month (\$55.00) <input type="checkbox"/> three months (\$475.00) <input type="checkbox"/> two months (\$210.00) <input type="checkbox"/> four months (\$740.00)						
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>						\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted. <input type="checkbox"/> A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>      </u> is attached. <input type="checkbox"/> Charge \$ <u>      </u> to Deposit Account <u>      </u> . <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required.						
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**ADDITIONAL MESSAGE:**

Attached for filing are the following documents:

1. Amendment Transmittal Letter
2. Response to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2003